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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street S.W. Washington D.C. 20554

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Subject: Comments regarding NPRM 01-290 (01-278 Proceedings)

Dear Ms. Salas,

Philips Semiconductors supports the proposed changes in section 15.225 of FCC Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 15.225 to allow RF/ID interrogators operating at 13.56 MHz to transmit data more effectively over longer localized ranges.

It would be in the public interest that manufacturers could develop products to operate under globally harmonized rules and that users could operate their equipment globally under identical conditions. In this age of global supply and exchange of goods it is desirable that RF/ID equipment can operate under standards that are internationally compatible. This regulation change does allow higher security, data transfer and read range performance in RF/ID applications.

We encourage the Commission to move forward in adopting a new rule amendment regarding paragraph 21 (section 15.225) at 13.56 MHz frequency.

Sincerely,

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